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Foreign Ministry Condemns Weinberger Visit to Pakistan
LD052105 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Here is a statement by the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued in Kabul on 5 October 1983:

In continuation of the visits of high-ranking U.S. personnel to Pakistan, U.S. Defense Secretary Weinberger recently arrived in Pakistan. Weinberger's visit to Pakistan took place at a time when the lackeys of U.S. imperialism, pursuing its adventurist and provocative foreign policy, have not only further broadened their aggressions, shameless interference, and undeclared war against revolutionary Afghanistan, but have intensified its warmongering policy and militaristic activities all over the world and, in particular, have embarked on dangerous games in our region.

Despite the turbulent situation in Pakistan, which stems from the stranglehold of the militaristic regime and lack of democratic freedoms in the country, and the (?fact) that the people of Pakistan have condemned the Reagan administration as an ally of Pakistan's militaristic rulers and are displaying their repulsion and profound hatred toward it, the visit of the Pentagon chief to Islamabad shows how important Pakistan is in U.S. world strategy.

The Pentagon bosses, trampling on the national interests of Pakistan, are striving to obtain the right to freely use Pakistan's military bases and ports for its Rapid Deployment Force, in return for millions of dollars worth of sophisticated U.S. weapons to meet the need of the militarists of that country; to further mobilize that country as a springboard and fortress of aggression against the countries of the region, particularly against the DRA and India; and to secure it even more tightly to its war machine.

The continuous visits of the high-ranking bosses of Washington, among them the visit to Pakistan of the U.S. defense secretary, also follow another evil aim — the intensification of aggression and interference against the DRA which, as an independent, progressive,and nonaligned country has been transformed in the region as a thorn in the side of the U.S. politicians.

The provocative visit of Weinberger and his entourage to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries' training camp in Peshawar, the (?threatening) statements by the U.S. defense secretary about Afghanistan, and his reiteration of Washington's undertaking to supply more weapons to the counterrevolutionary bands again prove that the Reagan administration is determined to fan anti-Afghan hysteria by the intensification of all kinds of interference, including armed interference against revolutionary Afghanistan.

Moreover, the U.S. Administration is practically creating obstacles to the progress of the current talks between our country and Pakistan, by exerting various kinds of pressure on Pakistan's militaristic regime and by praising the hostile stand of the Pakistani generals against the DRA and through various pretexts. Thus, [words indistinct] the immediate solution of issues around Afghanistan which would be for the benefit of the vital interests of both countries and of peace in the region.

It is noteworthy that the United States and its NATO allies are carrying out all these subversive and aggressive actions against the DRA and against the USSR — this reliable supporter of world peace, earnest and faithful friend of Afghanistan — under the guise of [word indistinct] fabricated and slanderous propaganda of the imperialist monopoly's psychological warfare machinery.

By creating a hue and cry about the so-called military threat of the Soviet Union and by embarking on conspiracies and devilish and cowardly provocation against the USSR, they want to disguise from the world public their direct military intervention and inhuman crimes in Central and South America, Chad, South Africa, Lebanon, the Middle East, the Gulf region, and the Indian Ocean. However, such last ditch efforts can only help to further expose the hateful features of the Washington bosses and their obedient servants.

The DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in strongly protesting the provocative visit of the U.S. defense secretary to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries' training camps, regards his bias and hostile statements against revolutionary Afghanistan as direct interference in the internal affairs of an independent country with national rights of sovereignty, and vigorously condemns it.

We believe no one in the world, including the hellish CIA and the gigantic political and warfare machinery of the Reagan administraton and its international allies, can turn back the wheel of history and prevent our working people from following the path of progress and future prosperity. Despite all their feverish efforts, they will never again see the prerevolution Afghanistan.

Dost Meets Foreign Counterparts in New York
LD052315 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs and head of the DRA delegation at the 38th session of the UN General Assembly, met with UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar on 3 October at UN Headquarters. At this meeting, views were exchanged on subjects of mutual interest including continuation of the UN secretary general's activities for the political solution of events in South Asia.

Shah Mohammad Dost also met yesterday at UN Headquarters with the chairman of the UN General Assembly and exchanged views on subjects of mutual interest.

According to another report, on 28 September, Shah Mohammad Dost met in New York with the foreign ministers of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of Bulgaria; on 3 October,he met with the foreign ministers of the GDR and the People's Republic of Poland; and, on 4 October, he met the foreign minister of Algeria. At these meetings, views were exchanged in a friendly atmosphere on subjects of mutual interest.

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Iranian Violations of DRA Airspace Protested

LD121529 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] The Iranian charge d' affairs in Kabul was summoned at 1630 today to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a harsh protest was lodged with him about the recent violation by Iranian aircraft of DRA territory.

The memorandum points out to the Iranian authorities that in continuation of their previous violations by land and air of the DRA territory, several helicopters of the Iranian Air Force entered Afghan airspace on 9 and 10 October. The aim of these aggressive flights by Iranian aircraft was to give air cover to the subversive actions of the criminal bands of Afghan counter-revolutionaries in the region of Zaranj, Nimruz Province.

The memorandum adds that the Iranian authorities, in misusing the DRA's peaceful policy based on good neighborliness between the two countries and ignoring the peaceful and inviolable borders between Afghanistan and Iran, have continued their repeated violations and interference against the territory of Afghanistan.

Therefore, the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in making a strong protest against the violations of the Iranian aircraft, which are contrary to all accepted international principles, calls for the immediate halt to such violations and emphatically points out that in the event of a repetition of such violations responsibility will rest on the Iranian authorities.

Afghan-Indian Joint Commission Meeting Ends 12 Oct

BK121619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] India and Afghanistan are to strengthen cooperation in the spheres of industry, health, banking, and culture. This was agreed to at the deliberation of the official midterm review committee of the Indo-Afghan Joint Commission which ended in Kabul today. India is to send a trade delegation to Kabul for strengthening the existing trade between the two countries. India has also invited a banking delegation from Afghanistan to visit New Delhi in December. The review committee agreed to expedite the establishment of an Indian music center at Kabul. A memorandum of understanding has also been signed between the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences and the Child Health Institute of Kabul to improve its working. The institute was established in 1974 in Kabul with indian assistance. India has agreed to increase the number of doctors and experts at the institute and will also supply specialized medical equipment.

The agreed minutes of the review committee was signed in Kabul this morning by Mr (Ahmad Marufi), president in charge of external relations and developmental planning in the State Planning Committee of Afghanistan, and Mr S.K. Lamba, joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs on behalf of India.

All-India Radio special correspondent Premchand Arya, reporting from Kabul, says that one of the important suggestions made by the committee regarding streamlining and liberalization of visa arrangements for Indian businessmen found an encouraging response from the Afghan side. This is expected to further facilitate trade between the two countries.

Foreign Minister Meets With UN Secretary General

LD130925 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 13 Oct 83

[Text] Kabul, Oct 12, BAKHTAR — Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs of the DRA and the head of the DRA delegation at the 38th session of the UN General Assembly, in a series of talks met for the third time with Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of UNO, on Monday.

Later, Shah Mohammad Dost, met with the foreign ministers of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and of Kuwait.

During these talks Shah Mohammad Dost discussed with them matters of common interest.

Uzbek Education Ministry Official Arrives

LD122237 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] (Agzamkhodzhayev), Uzbek SSR deputy minister of higher and secondary specialized education, arrived in Kabul today at the head of a delegation at the invitation of the Ministry of Higher and Vocational education to attend the 20th founding anniversary of Kabul Polytechnic Institute. The delegation was welcomed at Kabul airport by Sarwar Mangal, minister of higher and vocational education; deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of this ministry; representatives of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign affairs; and a counsellor of the USSR Embassy in Kabul.

Rebel Group 'Crushed' in Qonduz Province

LD121957 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] A group of rebels — these traitor elements to the homeland, revolution, and people — who had been disrupting the calm and peaceful life of (Laghmani) village in Qonduz Province, were recently crushed along with their ringleader (Ma'lem Abdor Ra'of) by officers and men of the security forces.

A Qonduz security force source said that assorted weapons, one rocket launcher, a number of mines, and propaganda leaflets were seized by the security forces; their ammunition was destroyed.

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Foreign Minister's Speech to UNGA 6 October

LD181105 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 17 Oct 83

[Speech by Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost to 38th UN General Assembly on 6 October — announcer-read]

[Excerpts] Mr President. Allow me first of all to express my and the DRA delegation's cordial congratulations on the occasion of your election as president of the 38th UN General Assembly. We are confident that the effective and strong leadership of an experienced diplomat such as yourself will increase the success of the current session. I would like to assure you of the DRA delegation's full cooperation in fulfilling your duties. I would also like to express best greetings to Comrade Imre Hollai, president of the 37th General Assembly session, for the exceptional and model progress made by the assembly. We also express thanks for the indefatigable efforts by Javier Perez de Cuellar, UN secretary general, for enhancing the effectiveness and spiritual prestige of our organization. Like every other nation in the world, the DRA considers the continued existence of the United Nations a global means of preserving peace and security and expanding friendship, cooperation,and detente among the nations to be in its interests.

The Indian Ocean, where U.S. naval presence has increased several times in the past few years, is still waiting for the day when the long-standing wishes of this region's nations for its transformation into a region of peace will be realized. The United States — contrary to the wishes of the nations around the Indian Ocean who want to see this ocean and its surrounding areas free of foreign military bases and installations — has increased its military readiness on the island of Diego Garcia [words indistinct].

In pursuing such expansionist policies, the United States created obstacles to holding an international conference on the Indian Ocean, which was proposed for last month in Colombo by the nonaligned members of its provisional committee. The demand by His Excellency Ratsiraka, president of Madagascar, for the holding of a conference by the coastal states and states in the vicinity of the Indian Ocean, an initiative which our government supports, is also facing obstacles created by imperialist circles. We hope that this UN session will demand speedy preliminary work for convening an Indian Ocean conference not later than 1984.

Mr President, I would like to express my uneasiness at the failure of various and continued attempts by the international community to end hostilities between the two neighboring and Islamic countries, Iran and Iraq. The continuation of this futile bloodshed, which has caused enormous human and material losses, will only serve the interests of imperialism and will prepare a pretext for its military intervention in the region. It is our sincere wish that this war of fratricide should end as soon as possible.

Our position toward the Cyprus problem remains unchanged. We express our full support for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity, and nonaligned status of the Republic of Cyprus and demand the withdrawal of all occupationist forces from that country.

We once again reaffirm our support for the peaceful reunification of Korea based on the proposals of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea. The DRA, as a hard struggler for the elimination of colonialism, supports the right of self-determination and independence of the people of Puerto Rico, the return of the Malvinas Islands to Argentina, the recognition of the rights of the people of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic, and the return of the Madagascar Islands, including Glorieuses, Juan de Nva, Europa, and Basssas da India, to the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

Mr President, we had hoped that the period between the two General Assembly sessions would witness a decrease in tension in Southwest Asia, which could open the way for such an atmosphere of trust and confidence which would help in negotiations between Afghanistan and two of our neighboring countries. The unpleasant reality of the continued undeclared war by imperialism and reaction, which is particularly continuing from Pakistani soil, against our people is the main obstacle to reaching an agreement on which our future relations can be based. This unholy war, which is, in fact, a continuation of the global conspiracy of imperialism to destabilize and [word indistinct] sovereign and independent nations and to drag them forcefully into the imperialist area of influence, is designed and carried out by aggressive U.S. circles with the collaboration of hegemonist accomplices, other countries, and reactionary forces.

The destructive, inhuman, archaic, and uncivilized nature of the undeclared war demonstrates the true meaning of the affected humanitarian, ethical, and freedom-loving stance taken up by U.S. imperialism, Chinese hegemonism, and their reactionary allies.

The losses suffered by our people since the beginning of the undeclared war have wide dimensions. As a result of the destructive activities of counterrevolutionary bands, mainly sent in from Pakistani territory, 50 percent of the country's schools, 14 percent of our hospitals, 75 percent of our public transport vehicles, all communication cables, a number of hydroelectric and thermal installations and other public installations have been destroyed. The cost of all this destruction to our economy reaches 24 billion Afghani, a figure which is equal to half of the total development investment in the 20 years prior to the April Revolution.

Allow me to announce to this auspicious gathering that the heroic people of Afghanistan will not abandon the principled path they have chosen. They are ready to bear further sacrifices in the defense of their revolution and sociopolitical order. As a result of the will of our toiling people and the precise, planned economic policy of the revolutionary government, and with the comprehensive aid given by fraternal countries, especially the Soviet Union, our national economy is, step by step, regaining necessary stabilization and is now advancing to continued gorwth. Due to the (?speed) of the implementation of the country's 5-year socioeconomic plan, we hope to carry out our (?objectives).

The heroism and sacrifices of the country's Armed Forces, the masses' active participation in defense of the revolution, [word indistinct] surrender of counterrevolutionary bands and their reorganization into revolution defense committees, all this has

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AFP: Karmal Returns From Secret Visit to USSR

OW182222 Hong Kong AFP in English 2207 GMT 18 Oct 83

[Text] Islamabad, Oct 18 (AFP) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal has just returned from a secret visit to Moscow to discuss an imminent reshuffle of his government with Soviet leaders, a Western source in Islamabad said today.

Mr Karmal left Kabul on October 10, and returned to Kabul yesterday or today, the source added. His brother Mahmud Barialay, a member of the Afghan Communist Party Central Committee, was reportedly still in Moscow.

Afghan official radio has not confirmed or denied the reports.

The head of the KHAD, the Afghan secret services, Doctor Najibollah, has reportedly also recently paid a secret visit to Moscow, while an unnamed deputy minister from the Soviet Interior Minister arrived in Kabul yesterday.

Western sources in Islamabad suggested a month ago that a major reshuffle of Mr. Karmal's government was being planned.

The regime has remained virtually unchanged since Mr. Karmal came to power after the Soviet invasion in December 1979.

Three new ministers were appointed by Mr. Karmal in a mini-shuffle last week, but analysts said they were not particularly important moves, and had no real political significance.

Karmal Message to Afghans Living Abroad Published

LD190650 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0500 GMT 19 Oct 83

[Text] Kabul, Oct 16, BAKHTAR: — Babrak Karmal's message to Afghans living abroad published KABUL NEW TIMES supplementary [as received] The national-Democratic April revolution, the message of the general secretary of Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA said, inflicted a deadly blow on the tyrannical domination of feudals and bureaucrats who had been keeping our people for years on end in poverty, disease and illiteracy. The April revolution is the beginning of the new and great path which leads our people towards prosperity, complete freedom, towards a new culture, health and progress.

We, the message emphasized, abhor fratricide, discord and animosity between our people. We have always fought for ensuring unity of action and strengthening brotherhood among all the tribes and nationalities inhabiting our united and beloved Afghanistan and will spare no effort in future, too, to achieve this end.

We assure you, compatriots, that in our country, nobody is subjected to persecution or investigation for his religious belief or political ideological inclinations. The rights, freedom, property, of individuals are protected.

In line with our peaceful approach towards the countrymen who have come under illusions, we have given legal force to this fact through the decree of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council on general amnesty dated June 18, 1981.

The U.S. imperialism and the regimes of Pakistan and China are using Afghans living abroad as a convenient and cheap tool.

The so-called leaders of the so-called Jamiat and Harkat e-Islami, etc, who themselves are leading a royal life in the decorated palaces make you an object of deals.

Life has shown that our party is getting stronger with every passing day, its link with the people is getting consolidated and the enemy is becoming weak.

In conclusion, the message said, in the name of Afghan honour, in the name of the country, wake up and return to your country. Return to your homeland which [is] waiting for you and has a right on you. The country will embrace you in its fold.

The government and the state of the DRA will ensure for you the necessary conditions for engaging in fruitful and useful social work and leading a befitting human life. Make use of this real possibility which can change your destiny and that of your children in a honourable and desired direction.

SPA Reports Soviet MIG Attacks, Mujahidin Actions

LD190150 Riyadh SPA in English 1911 GMT 18 Oct 83

[Text] Islamabad, Oct 18, SPA -- Nearly forty per cent [of the] buildings in Istalef Township in Shomali region, 14 km north of Kabul, were razed to ground as a result of a series of attacks by Soviet MIGs and helicopters in the township on October 12, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

The sources said the attack on Istalef was part of a series of unprecedented and wide ranging communist offensives against the Afghan Moslem people in Herat, Qandahar, Laghman, Kabul, Parlan (including Shomali region), Baghlan,and Samangan Provinces of Afghanistan. They did not provide any figures on death casualties, but the bad smell of dead bodies laid in the rubble was apparent from quite a big distance, adding that casualties in Istalef were higher than at any time since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Yhe sources said assassinations of pro-regime personnel continued in Kabul despite a lull in fighting between the mujahideen and the communist regime's troops.

On the false pretext of arresting the culprits, the Russian soldiers made house-to-house searches during curfew hours in Kabul and broke into houses where innocent Moslems were residing and kidnapped four young women. Outraged citizens went to the police station where police officials told them that the Soviet troops only looted house belongings but did not take away any women.

The sources said the mujahideen used successfully for the first time land mines inside Kabul City. A civilian vehicle struck by mines in Karte-Nau District on southeastern edge of Kabul resulted in the killing of two people, they added.

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